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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, KS, US

SUBJECT: ROK EMBASSY INQUIRES RE PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF
KOREAN DIPLOMATIC MESSAGE INTERCEPT

REF: SEOUL 8699

1. ROK EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED AT DEPT. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM SEOUL OCTOBER 14 TO INQUIRE REGARDING STORY ON FRONT
PAGE OF WALL STREET JOURNAL OCTOBER 12 ALLEGING THAT DEFENSE
DEPT. HAD INTERCEPTED ROKG DIPLOMATIC MESSAGES.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXPLAINED AGAIN OUR FIRM POLICY
TO THE EFFECT THAT WE NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY ALLEGATIONS
REGARDING SUCH MATTERS. IT WAS RECALLED THAT, AT THE TIME
ADMIRAL TURNER PUBLICLY AFFIRMED THAT THE USG HAD NOT BEEN
BUGGING THE BLUE HOUSE, THE ROK EMBASSY HAD BEEN CLEARLY
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INFORMED THAT HIS STATEMENT DID NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTINUING
PRECEDENT. WHILE THE ALLEGATIONS REGARDING THE BLUE HOUSE
HAD SEEMED ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT SINCE THEY INVOLVED THE
PRIVACY OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF AN ALLY, WE WERE
CLEARLY NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT SIMILARLY ON OTHER ALLEGA-
TIONS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE. THEREFORE, ROKG SHOULD UNDER-
STAND THAT WE WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM, DENY, OR OTHERWISE

COMMENT ON SUCH STORIES AS THAT CONTAINED IN THE WALL

STREET JOURNAL.

3. ROK EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EMBASSY WAS FAMILIAR WITH USG POLICY IN THIS REGARD, BUT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE AGAIN IN THIS INSTANCE.

4. COMMENT: ISSUE WAS NOT PRESSED. BELIEVE EMBASSY ANTICIPATED DEPARTMENT RESPONSE. VANCE

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